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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: SECOND TALK WITH IDI AMIN

REF: KINSHASA 10163

1. SUMMARY: AMIN TOLD ME DECEMBER 20 WAS THE EARLIEST DATE AN OAU SUMMIT ON ANGOLA COULD BE ASSEMBLED. HE HAD PROMISED MOBUTU HIS HELP FOR FNLA/UNITA, WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR AGREEING TO OUR TALKS AND LOOKED FORWARD TO HEARING FROM US ON THE BILATERAL QUESTIONS RAISED WITH ME EARLIER. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF CRUISE ON ZAIRE RIVER NOVEMBER 25, PRESIDENT IDI AMIN TOOK ME TO UNCROWDED SECTION OF RAILING FOR A PRIVATE CHAT. HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO KNOW HOW PLEASED HE HAD BEEN WITH OUR TALK THE DAY BEFORE. HE ALSO WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE NOW FELT AN OAU SUMMIT COULD BE CONVENED ON ANGOLAN ISSUE "ABOUT DECEMBER 20." WHEN I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THAT DATE WOULD NOT PROVE TOO LATE, HE ADMITTED IT WAS DISAPPOINTING THAT OAU PROCEDURES AND DIVISIVENESS WHICH ANGOLAN QUESTION HAD CREATED WERE TAKING SO LONG TO GEAR UP A SUMMIT MEETING. INDEED, HE SAID, SOME PRESIDENTS LIKE SENGHOR STILL BASICALLY AVOR A PRIOR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHICH COULD BE ARRANGED MORE QUICKLY. I SAID I THOUGHT THERE WAS A LOT OF MERIT IN SENGHOR'S POSITION; PERHAPS SOME COMPROMISE

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A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF CHIEFS OF STATE. AMIN AGREED NEED FOR OAU ACTION WAS URGENT AND HE WOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE THINGS ALONG AS FAST AS HE COULD.

3. AMIN NEXT SAID HE WANTED ME TO TELL DR. KISSINGER HOW VERY PLEASED HE HAD BEEN TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S DETROIT REMARKS ON ANGOLAN SITUATION. THEY WERE "ABSOLUTELY RIGHT" FOR THE SITUATION. HIW WORDS WILL HELP BOLSTER THE OFFICIAL OAU POSTION. I THEN SAID AMIN SHOULD KOWN THAT "RIGHT NOW DR. KISSINGER IS ONE OF THE BEST FRIENDS YOU HAVE, MR. PRESIDENT." I PROMISED TO REPORT HIS VIEWS TO THE SECRETARY AS SOON AS I REACHED WASHINGTON.

4. AMIN SAID HE HAD TOLD MOBUTU OF OUR EARLIER TALK AND HAD ALSO GIVEN HIM HIS PROMISE THAT UGANDA TOO WOULD BE SENDING HELP TO FNLA/UNITA (ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT SORT). I SAID I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR THIS BECAUSE FNLA/UNITA NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET AND THEIR AFRICAN FRIENDS MUST SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THEM TO PREVENT THE MILITARY SITUATION FROM BEING REVERSED.

5. AMIN SAID HE HOPED I WOULD LOOK INTO THE REQUESTS HE HAD MADE TO ME THE DAY BEFORE AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I PROMISED WE WOULD GET BACK IN TOUCH THROUGH HIS CHARGE IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE ME IN KAMPLA AT ANY TIME FOR FURTHER TALKS. I TOLD HIM I WOULD WELCOME ALMOST ANY EXCUSE TO VISIT BEAUTIFUL UGANDA AGAIN. FINALLY HE ASKED ME TO PRESENT HIS THANKS TO THE SECRETARY FOR AGREEING TO SEND ME ALL THE WAY TO KINSHASA ESPECIALLY TO TALK WITH HIM. IT HAD REALLY MEANT A LOT TO HIM.

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